Monthly Gas Utility Statistical Report

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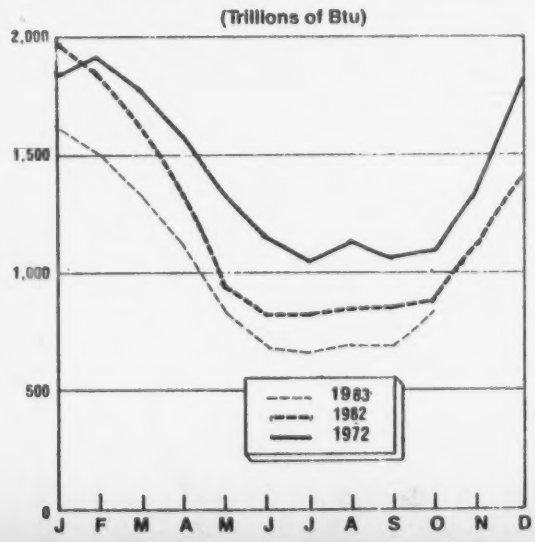
Residential sales, commercial sales, and industrial sales showed a decline in October of 1983 compared to last year. Residential sales decreased 3.1 percent, commercial sales decreased 4.0 percent, and industrial sales decreased 3.4 percent. Total gas utility sales were down 3.3 percent from 874.6 trillion Btu in October 1982 to 846.0 trillion Btu in October 1983.

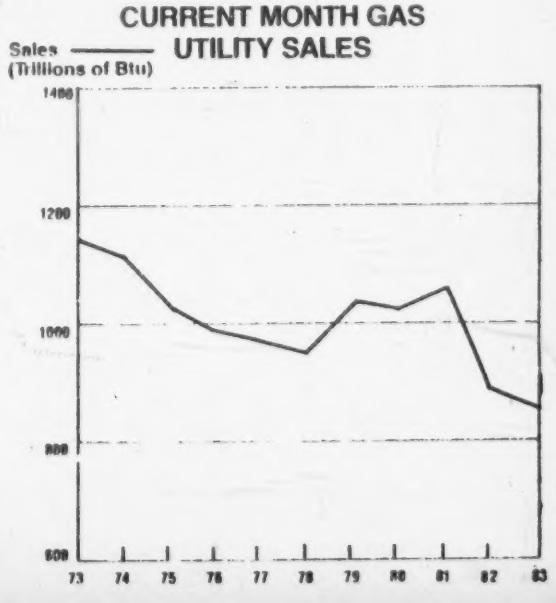
GAS SALES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS
(Trillions of Btu)

	October			Year to Date (% change from)		January 1 to December 31		
	1983	1982	% Change[2]	1983*	Last Period	1983 Forecast[1]	1982	% Change
Residential	200.5	206.9	- 3.1	3,443.2	- 9.6	4,451.5	4,770.0	- 6.7
Commercial	123.5	128.7	- 4.0	1,803.9	- 8.8	2,306.7	2,471.3	- 6.7
Industrial	511.7	529.7	- 3.4	5,080.2	- 12.9	6,141.3	6,891.6	-10.9
Other	10.3	9.3	-	115.1	-	152.7	147.6	-
Total	846.0	874.6	- 3.3	10,442.4	- 11.0	13,052.2	14,280.5	- 8.6

Gas sales are based on a sample of 69 companies whose sales constitute about 65 percent of the total gas sales to ultimate consumers.

NOTE: Year to date and 1983 sales figures have been adjusted to reflect what was originally thought to be load loss, but was actually losses to other utilities not in the 69 company sample.





(Thousands of Units)

October

	1983	1982[R]	% Change '82 vs '83
Domestic Range			
Gas	136.5	112.9	+ 20.9
Electric	265.2	202.2	+ 31.2
Clothes Dryers			
Gas	68.2	54.3	+ 25.6
Electric	254.8	206.6	+ 23.3
Warm Air Furnaces			
Gas	197.1	139.8	+ 41.0
Electric	29.5	16.6	+ 77.7
Oil	18.3	14.6	+ 25.3
Boilers			
Gas	24.0	24.1	- 0.3
Electric	0.1	0.1	- 25.5
Oil	12.6	11.5	+ 9.4

[R]Revised

Sources: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

October

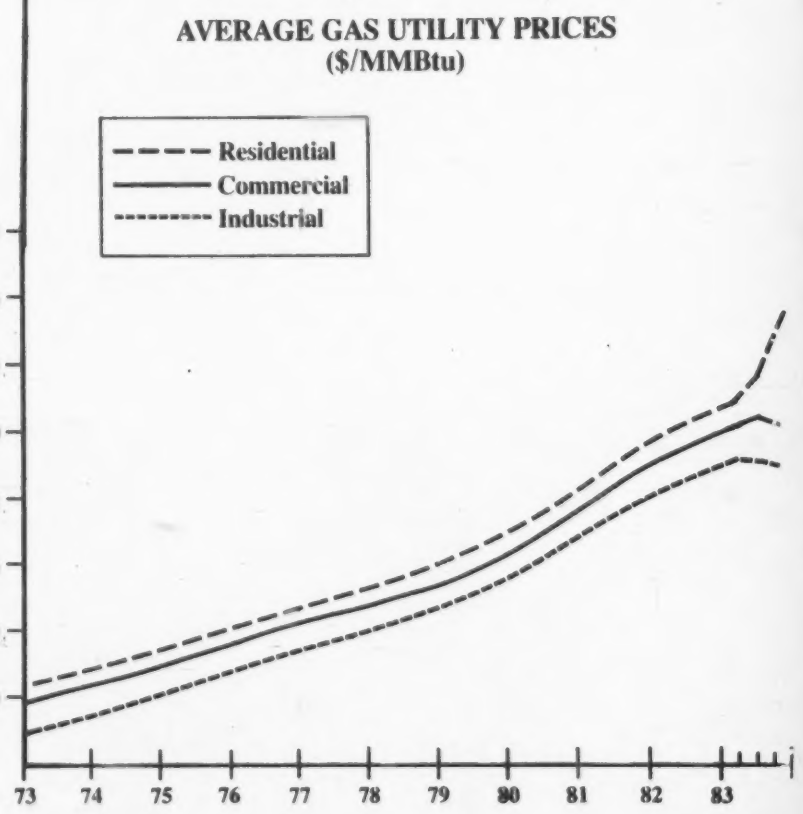
	1983	1982	% Change '82 vs '83
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	155.2	110.5	+ 40.5
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1967 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	582.4	541.8	+ 7.5
Electricity	339.2	327.1	+ 3.7
Fuel Oil	632.6	699.0	- 9.5
Index Total Gas Sales (1967 = 100)	91.6	94.7	- 3.3
Gas Utility Prices ($/MMBtu)			
Residential	6.18	5.75	+ 7.5
Commercial	5.23	5.01	+ 4.4
Industrial	4.09	4.13	- 1.0
Total	4.78	4.65	+ 2.8

Sources: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics, A.G.A.

AVERAGE ANNUAL GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)

Year	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.	Oth.
1973	0.79	1.25	0.95	0.50	0.44
1974	0.95	1.42	1.11	0.66	0.60
1975	1.29	1.69	1.38	0.99	0.94
1976	1.60	1.98	1.68	1.31	1.36
1977	1.97	2.33	2.07	1.69	1.74
1978	2.18	2.53	2.28	1.90	1.79
1979	2.52	2.92	2.66	2.23	1.94
1980	3.13	3.61	3.34	2.79	2.64
1981	3.65	4.16	3.91	3.29	3.46
1982	4.44	4.97	4.72	3.97	4.30
1983[P] (1st qtr)	5.20	5.61	5.42	4.50	5.07
(2nd qtr)	5.16	5.97	5.55	4.41	4.62
(3rd qtr)	4.80	6.81	5.47	4.18	4.36

[P]Preliminary



[1]1983 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1983 monthly data. The remaining months are derived by using a four year average.

The industrial sector forecast is also based on available 1983 monthly data. The remaining months of 1983 are heavily weighted by last years sales with no adjustment made for degree days.

[2]The percent change is a function of the 69 sample companies.